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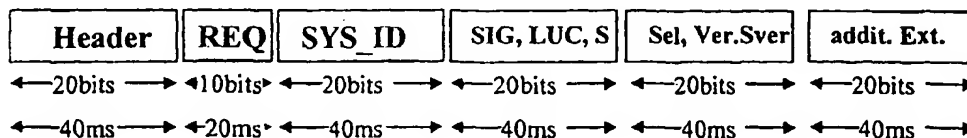
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(57) Abstract: A method and a device for initiating the bypassing of a pair of transcoding operations that are performed in series by a first transcoder arranged together with a first communication terminal on a local side of a communication network and by a second transcoder arranged together with a second communication terminal on a distant side of the communication network are described. The method includes receiving from the distant side information about an encoding format currently in use on the distant side and about encoding capabilities of the distant side and transmitting to the distant side information about an encoding format currently in use on the local side and about encoding capabilities of the local side to enable on one or on both sides a change of the encoding format currently in use prior to initiating the bypassing of the transcoding operations.